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Title: Need to restore the road link between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh at breach point of NH-52 and NLKB road in Assam.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA (LAKHIMPUR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to matter of urgent importance. In the month of June, this year, there was a sudden release of water from Ranganadi Dam Project of Arunachal Pradesh, as a result of which, a huge area of the Lakhimpur District was devastated in which the National Highway 52 was badly damaged, which is yet to be restored.

Another important road, which is the lifeline to the Maguli Island of Assam, which is also connecting Arunachal Pradesh to Nagaland, and other parts of Arunachal Pradesh through Assam, is called Lakhimpur Kamala Bari Road was very badly damaged. There is a proposal pending in the North-East Council for the last couple of years. It has been pending with the Planning Commission for in Principle approval to construct this road alongwith two bridges over Lirit and Khaboln river. This is a very important inter-State road. This was damaged during the floods. Because of the disruption of this road, the connectivity to more than five lakh tribal people and other backward communities has been affected.

Therefore, I would appeal to the Government of India to take up this issue with the Planning Commission, the Finance Ministry and the DONER Ministry, who are linked for the execution of this road with adequate financial support. The Government should take note of this very important issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have ably made your point.